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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

ACE Student Award recipients gather with council and dignitaries after the awards ceremony on May 14. Front row, left to right: Susan Breon-ACE, Richard Yu-ERHS, Elsie Waynes-ACE, Mao Li-Greenbelt Middle, Syed Faheel Kamran-Magnolia, Assiatu Bantama-Greenbelt Middle, Beatriz Jose-Greenbelt Middle, Ambe McKinney-Greenbelt Elementary, Tobias Tinsley-SHL, Ashley Wren Cooper-SHL, Kathlee Diaz-Magnolia, Neomi Roa-ERHS, Charlotte Francoeur-ERHS Anne Healey's Award, Veronica Martin-Frederick-ACE. Back row, standing on platform: Ingrid Harrison from Ingrid Turner's office, Sudhanshu Sinha-ACE, Peggy Higgins-Board of Education, Councilmembers Leta Mach, Ed Putens and Konrad Herling, Mayor Davis, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts, Janet Mirsky-ACE, Donald Rich-ACE, Jon Gardner-ACE. Not shown are Keven Thomas and Darleen Cruz, Turning Point awardees.

ACE Student Awards Presented At Greenbelt City Council Meeting

by Mary Moien and Virginia Beauchamp

On May 14 the Greenbelt City Council meeting began with the annual presentation of student awards by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). The awards have been granted every year since 1996 to outstanding students in schools that serve Greenbelt students.

Elected state officials representing Greenbelt traditionally have been present at the event. But that changed this year with the Special Session of the General Assembly. County Councilmember Ingrid Turner also was not able to attend. In her place Peggy Higgins, Greenbelt's representative to the Prince George's County Board of Education, participated in presentation of the awards.

ACE Chair Jon Gardner in-

troduced the awards program by highlighting their importance: "to recognize Greenbelt students who honor its traditions of citizenship, maturity and academic achievement."

"While many students achieve," he said, "tonight's recipients have uniquely impressed their principals, teachers and the wider community."

Gardner noted that the student awards complement the earlier ACE Education Awards presented in February to teachers and staff members from schools that serve Greenbelt at a city council session. "Together," he said, "ACE's awards and programs highlight the exemplary educational program of the schools that Greenbelt children attend and the people who make it happen."

Culminating the program was the presentation of \$2,000 scholarships to two ACE Student Award winners from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) – Robert Yu, a four-year Greenbelt resident, and Neomi Roa, who has lived in Greenbelt for 10 years. Each award this year, as in the past, includes a \$2,000 donation from County Council-member Turner.

A separate award of \$500 from State Delegate Anne Healey, part of a scholarship program of the House of Delegates, went to ERHS senior Charlotte Francoeur.

Greenbelt Elementary

The 2012 ACE male student award winner is 6th grader Ambe McKinney, a student since kindergarten at Greenbelt Elementary School. Friendly, fun and famous for his excellent dance moves, Ambe is described as the "go-to guy" in class, the one who knows what homework is due and the best books to read.

Ambe's teachers and classmates acknowledge his academic achievements. After receiving one B on his report card, Ambe mentioned to his teachers that he planned to make straight A's this quarter and has accomplished his goal.

An avid reader, Ambe also enjoys dancing, piano lessons, chorus, instrumental music and playing drums at church.

He also earned community service merit this year by working at the Spring Fair and plays on his local basketball team.

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 26

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and the Community Center

Monday, May 28 – City, GHI and Greenbriar Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Monday, May 28

10 a.m., Memorial Day Commemoration at Roosevelt Center with American Legion

Tuesday, May 29

8 p.m., Council Meeting and Public Hearing on the Budget, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltdm.gov

Wednesday, May 30

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Garden Club/3 Sisters Garden, Community Center

City's Public Safety Budget, Plans Reviewed by Council

by Diane Oberg

The May 7 Greenbelt City Council worksession on the public safety budget began with a brief show and tell of the technological upgrades implemented over the past few years, followed by a detailed review of department plans and budget for the coming year, Fiscal Year 2013.

Technology

The demonstration began in the computer-assisted dispatch center where dispatchers can track officers' locations and movements on a map using GPS devices in the vehicles. Dispatchers' messages are viewed by officers on their in-car computers; one dispatcher noted that when she contacts officers on patrol, they often respond that they are already on the way. Screens in the center permit viewing both the security cameras positioned throughout the city, such as at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center or the Spellman Overpass, as well as cameras throughout the police facility.

Lt. James Parker noted that 18 different contractors plus city public works and information technology staff worked to construct the new communications center. When the old center was removed they found 15 surge suppressors plugged into one another.

Now the three dispatch stations are independent. Dispatchers can even elevate their stations so they can work standing up with no loss of productivity. The stations are linked by optical fiber to the county police (no other municipality is, Parker said). If the police facility had to be evacuated, dispatchers could relocate with a laptop to either the county or Hyattsville facilities and be completely operational and would even be able to view the city cameras from the remote locations.

Then it was outside where Master Police Officer Gordon Rose demonstrated how officers can immediately pull up the driving record of someone they stop by swiping their driver's license, marking a few boxes to indicate the violation(s) the driver will be ticketed for and then printing the ticket on a small printer. The notice of the infraction is then sent electronically to the Circuit Court. MPO Scott Yankowy, in another vehicle, showed off the dual license plate readers mounted on a small SUV, where the license plate can be automatically read and the information fed into databases to identify stolen vehicles

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75th Anniversary

Holidays – Memorial Day And the Fourth of July

by Sandra A. Lange

Patriotic holidays were important events in Greenbelt's early history. Two holidays stand out when families gathered to honor their past and celebrate their future – Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. These holidays were both studded with entertainment, speeches and parades.

On Memorial Day families hiked to Indian Springs (near present-day Capitol Cadillac) for picnics and to decorate the nearby graves of Revolutionary War veterans.

In 1939 the Greenbelt Swimming Pool opened for the first time to large crowds on Memorial Day, just as it does today. In the 1940s, Memorial Day was an especially solemn event as Greenbelters honored those serving in World War II, as well as those who had died in the war. Gold Stars hung in the windows of homes designating where sons or husbands or fathers had been killed.

A stone memorial to World War II fallen veterans is located between Centerway and Crescent Road where every Memorial Day Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 conducts a ceremony.



Three Gold Star mothers – Mrs. James P. Sommers, Mrs. Eubanks and Mrs. Fred Yatts – appear to the right of Dr. James McCarl, Sr., American Legion, presiding. Photo by Nick Pergola, May 28, 1944, courtesy of the Greenbelt Museum

Celebrating the Fourth

Greenbelters began celebrating the Fourth of July in 1938. Swimming was a favorite summer activity at Greenbelt Lake until harmful bacteria were discovered and swimming was banned. The soapbox derby

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 28 through 30 given below. No information for May 31 and June 1 has been made available.

Monday – All sites are closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday – Grape juice, pork chops with plum sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh orange.

Wednesday – Orange juice, Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, kale, fruit cocktail.

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room Friday, May 25, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Monday, May 28, Memorial Day, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011 Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room Friday, June 8, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – GHI Library

8 p.m., GHI Stakeholder Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Weekend Work Closes Metro to Fort Totten

Metro has announced that weekend track work to replace switches on the Green Line between Greenbelt and Fort Totten will close the line from 10 p.m. Friday, May 25 until Monday, May 28. Buses between the stations will provide alternate transportation but will take considerable additional travel time. More information is available at www.wmata.com under Rail Alerts & Advisories for the Green Line.



Sublease Criteria for GHI Units

The GHI Board of Directors has proposed revised criteria for allowing members to rent GHI units, and would like member feedback.

To see the draft criteria, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to www.ghi.coop

Comments should be submitted via email to mgtmoffice@greenbelthomes.net or written notes can be delivered to the Management Office, Attention: Sheri.

All comments are due by May 30, 2012

At the Library

Adult Programs

Saturday, May 26, 11 a.m.: Identifying Common Weeds in Your Garden, presented by the Master Gardeners of Prince George's County.

Tuesday, May 29, 7 p.m.: Historian and author/lecturer Carroll R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on "The Secret History of Juneteenth" in this weekly series of talks through June 26 on African American history and culture. What people think they know about this holiday and its beginnings may be wrong – Hear about the little known history of blacks in Texas and how Juneteenth really came to be.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

Summer Reading

The library's summer reading program begins June 1 with programs for all ages. Sign up online or at the branch.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmls.info.

Boxwood Scholarship Applications Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient.

For further information or to pick up an application form call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

Not for Seniors Only City Services Forum

On Saturday, June 2 at 1 p.m. the annual Not for Seniors Only forum will be held in Multipurpose Room 201 at the Greenbelt Community Center, featuring information on the wide range of city services provided to residents.

The forum, sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, is titled "Need Help? How the City of Greenbelt Responds to You." Representatives of city departments will describe their services.

All are invited to come with questions and comments.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club hosted the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Luncheon on Wednesday, May 16. It was a fun, joyous affair with the nursery school children singing "Happy Birthday." Greenbelters who were 75 this year were invited and joined the Club in celebrating birthdays. Everyone enjoyed the potluck lunch which was sponsored by the 75th Anniversary Committee and the Golden Age Club. Many thanks to everyone who made this all take place.

Delegate Justin Ross will speak at the May 30 meeting.

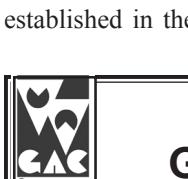
We have welcomed several new members and always want more.

Thoughts for a daily survival kit: A toothpick to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone and yourself. A tea bag to remind you to take time to relax. A candy kiss to remind us that everyone needs a hug.

County Gives Update On GMS Construction

Prince George's County Public Schools reports that construction on the new Greenbelt Middle School is 88.5 percent complete. The current proposed completion date is July 16, which is being closely tracked and monitored.

The webcam will be down temporarily during the transition from construction trailers to the school building. The camera, to be relocated to the site's entrance, will resume operating when telecommunication/internet lines are established in the building.



Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center!

Divine Intervention

June 8, 9 and 15, 16 at 8PM
June 10 and 17 at 2:30PM



Ticket prices:
\$17 General Admission,
\$14 Students/Seniors

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org
or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Coming Soon:
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dear Delinquent

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party Sat.

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, May 26 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 9 p.m.

In addition to the moon, objects to be observed include several nice star clusters and nebulae as well as the planets Venus, Mars and Saturn.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

More Community Events
are on page 5.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

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(!) = No pass, (!!) = No pass weekend

WEEK OF MAY 25

FRI.–THU.

The Dictator, R

11:45, 1:50, 4:10, 7:15, 9:45

The Avengers in 2D, PG-13

11:40, 5

The Avengers in 3D, PG-13

12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:10

Dark Shadows, PG-13

2:35, 7:55

Think Like a Man, PG-13

10:20

Men in Black 3 in 3D, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:35

Men in Black 3 in 2D, PG-13 (!)

12:05, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10

Chernobyl Diaries, R (!)

11:45, 1:50, 4:10, 7:25, 9:45

Battleship, PG-13 (!!)

11:55, 4, 7:10, 10

What to Expect When Expecting,

PG-13 (!!)

11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:50

Co-op Food Demos, Wine Tastings on Tap

On Wednesday, May 30 the Co-op will host a Seasonal & Savory food demonstration of summer berry treats and wine tasting from 4 to 6 p.m. It is also patron appreciation day, with a five percent discount on all purchases and a \$1 savings on all tasting wines during the event. An earlier wine tasting will be held this Friday, May 25 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Coming up in June will be a New to Natural sampling on Wednesday, June 13 and a Healthy Horizons workshop on fruit soups and smoothies on Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m. More information is available at www.greenbelt.coop.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, May 25 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Rochester Prazevica plays a mix of Slovak and Gypsy songs in the style of Ēardáš and Gypsy jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Saturday, May 26 schedule begins with Greg Meyers' Jazz Jam from 1 to 5:30 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and The Unruly Blues Band takes over from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, May 27 Whitney Street offers an eclectic mix of folk, jazz and beyond from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

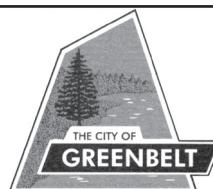
On Tuesday, May 29 singer-songwriter Tristan Omand performs from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, May 30 multi-instrumental Celtic group Four Shillings Short plays from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 31 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 to 2 p.m. The Open Microphone session with Tom Gleason is from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 1 pianist John Guernsey plays jazz from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by Bushmaster Blues' funky blues rock from 8 to 11 p.m. The TV John Show tapes on Saturday, June 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by The Joy Bodycomb Band with blues, rock, country and a touch of jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 3 is the Koontown Killing Caper Concert and book signing from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be an artists' reception for the Green Man Show from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone is invited to come meet the artists in this group show.

City Notes

Youth Center/Springhill Lake/Park Ranger staff reports on National Kids to Parks Day where numerous activities occurred at or around the city's various parks, including the Nursery School's Tortoise & Hare 5K Race at Buddy Attick, a full day of Boys & Girls Club soccer games at Schrom Hills and the ATHA Bike Rally.

Eighty second grade students from Greenbelt Elementary School participated in Artward Bound workshops this week, participating in visual and performing arts activities.

GIVE BLOOD



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 29, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Budget
Municipal Building, 25n Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Older Americans Month Proclamation
- Peace Month Proclamation
- Click It or Ticket Month Proclamation

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2013 Budget

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Adopt the Maryland Municipal Public Works Officials' Association Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Revised Detailed Site Plan – Sign Request for CVS at Greenway Shopping Center
- Proposed Breezewood Drive Improvements Associated with New Greenbelt Middle School
- Springhill Lake Elementary School Safe Routes to School Road Improvements – Conceptual Plans
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2012
- Other Reports
- * - Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Youth Sprint Triathlon

HOSTED BY THE
GREENBELT RECREATION
DEPARTMENT



	Date:	Saturday, June 2
	Time:	Race begins at 9:30AM; Race-day registration begins at 8:30AM
	Ages: Entry Fees:	8-11 (shorter course), 12-15 (longer course) \$10/participant

The Youth Sprint Triathlon is returning on Greenbelt Day Weekend. The race begins with a swim (8-11: 50 meters; 12-15: 100 meters) at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. After the swim, children ride their bicycles through a marked off-road course of 1.5 miles (mountain or hybrid bicycles are strongly recommended). All riders must wear a safety helmet. The race concludes at the Buddy Attick Park bandstand after a run (8-11: .7 mile; 12-15: 1.3 miles) on the lake path.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED
(ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE)

For more information contact:

Andrew Phelan,
Sports and Recreation Coordinator
240-542-2194 aphelan@greenbeltdmd.gov

*All participants will receive a medal.

*Trophies will be given to the top finishers.

Weather Hotline: 301-474-0646

Registration is available through RecLink or download at www.greenbeltdmd.gov. You may also register at the Youth Center during business hours or at the event.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Public Safety Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Arts Assistant with the Recreation Department. Help coordinate the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair. Help publicize City arts events year round through print and electronic communications and community outreach. \$12/hr, 15 hrs/wk. Open until filled. For details, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov.

Visit and "Like" the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28-JUNE 1

Tuesday, May 29 at 8:00 p.m. **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND 2ND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY13 BUDGET**, at Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Wednesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 30 at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** w/Garden Club/3 Sisters Garden at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

NOTICE OF ROADWORK CHERRYWOOD LANE ROUNDABOUT

Construction on the Cherrywood Lane Roundabout is scheduled to begin on June 4, 2012, and will take approximately 90 days to complete. The Cherrywood Lane roundabout is intended to improve traffic operations at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive. For questions/information contact Celia Craze, Planning and Community Development Director, at 301-345-5417 or ccraze@greenbeltdmd.gov.

CITY OF GREENBELT, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
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Business Office: 301.397.2200

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- Kinder Camp: For Ages 3-5.
- Creative Kids Camp: For Ages 6-12.
- Camp Pine Tree: For Ages 6-11.
- Youth On The Go Camp: For Ages 12-14.
- Camp Encore: For Ages 13-15.

Camps begin June 18th!
Spaces fill quickly! REGISTER TODAY!
www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 28th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste this week.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, May 26, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.



GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road

(behind Police Station)

Harry is a handsome young man who was found roaming the streets on his own. He can't wait to be cuddled up next to someone in his new forever home.

We have lots of cute adorable kittens. The shelter is temporarily only open by appointment. Please call 301.474.6124.

Donations welcome! Like us on Facebook!

HOLIDAYS

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engaged many children in competition. There was also a big town parade.

Pioneer Louise Steinle Winker remembered Fourth of July festivities in her 50th Anniversary Recollections compiled by the late Dorothy Lauber: "The Fourth of July was another big celebration time. My friends and I would rent rowboats at the lake for 25 cents an hour; we'd share the cost, and we had lots of good times rowing out on the lake."

Another pioneer, Henry L. Trattler, wrote "Without question, the Fourth of July was the most glorious celebration in our town. People came from all around to watch or march in the parade, to participate in sporting contests, to picnic and to get a bang out of observing the fireworks.

"Wanting a role in this celebration, I began taking lessons playing the clarinet. Joining the elementary school band, I practiced after school marching on the Center School lawn. Of course, the toughest thing was making the music come out of the instrument as the band marched around. It was an exciting day when I finally was given a green 'overseas' cap and green tie to wear with my white shirt and white pants

"Finally, in 1951, off we went to march in our first parade, worrying whether we could make it all the way around town and out to Greenbelt Lake without collapsing with fatigue. This was the first of many parades in which we would march representing Greenbelt and our elementary school."

In later years, the Greenbelt Concert Band performed at the lake park and the city's fireworks display became a beloved centerpiece. In 1949, Fourth of July events occurred over three days – much as the Labor Day Festival does today. In 1956, the Boys Club and, in 1957, the Fire and Rescue Squad sponsored the Fourth of July parade and fireworks.

While community groups often sponsored holiday events, participation and funding by the city was needed to hold many large celebrations.

In 1964, residents were irate when the city council canceled Fourth of July festivities and also threatened to cancel the Labor Day Festival because of an economic downturn. One complained about the decision in a Letter to the Editor of the News Review, writing that "For many years, the Fourth of July Parade and the fireworks have been a real pleasure, not only to Greenbelters but to other people in the area. Most people cannot believe this has been eliminated

"As for the three day celebration [Labor Day Festival] I think it is disgraceful that we're not having this successful affair" The writer closed her commentary by challenging Greenbelters "to come forward. I know it's too late to do anything about the Fourth of July but please think of all the pleasures you will be missing if we do not have the Labor Day celebration."

The city council then quickly reversed its decision and the 1964 Labor Day Festival took place as usual.

A later 75th anniversary article will describe the history of the Labor Day Festival.

ACE AWARDS continued from page 1

Ambe was elected by his peers as the Student Government Association representative and serves as a safety patrol.

The female ACE award winner for Greenbelt Elementary is Beatriz Jose, a student there since kindergarten. A well-rounded student, she earned straight A's on her report card.

Beatriz worked especially hard on a recent in-class project – in her case about South Korea, the homeland of one of her friends. More than half-way through the project – through no fault of her own – it went missing. That weekend Beatriz went home and recreated the project, making it even better.

Her favorite subjects are science and health. She says she would like to go into medicine when she grows up. As if to make that point, she was one of the winners in this year's Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair. Beatriz has accepted several leadership roles this year, and classmates also elected her as Student Government Representative. She is also a member of the safety patrol.

Because of budget reductions this year, Greenbelt Elementary School has had limited access to a media specialist. To reduce the impact of this loss on library circulation, Beatriz has worked as a library assistant. With a parent and two other students, she has worked at the library on Mondays and Thursdays to help in shelving books.

Beatriz stays healthy by being active, riding her bike and playing soccer, basketball, volleyball and badminton.

Springhill Lake Elementary

ACE presented the 2012 ACE Male Student Award to 5th Grader Tobias Tinsley, a dedicated and committed student who consistently made Honor Roll and participated in the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program. Tobias has been a school safety patrol since September 2011, carefully directing students across the street to safety. On days when he was not on patrol, Tobias served as a "Reading Together" tutor helping third grade students develop better reading skills. In class he was often called on to run errands or to serve as peer tutor to his classmates.

Tobias was also chosen to participate in the Spring Stream Clean-up community service project. Together with community members, teachers, staff and other students, he picked up trash and cleaned the neighboring stream. He took on many responsibilities and has handled well his many obligations.

ACE presented the 2012 ACE Female Student Award to 5th Grader Ashley Cooper. Always pleasant, she is a true multi-tasker and team player. She has not missed a single day this school year.

At school she is dedicated as a safety patrol, reporting for duty in the morning before her peers arrive and staying late in the afternoon.

Ashley is in her second year of instrumental music and plays the trombone. She is also involved in the ACE reading club and is environmentally conscious. This year she participated in the annual stream clean-up, ridding the local stream of litter and other debris. Eager to learn, Ashley exemplifies the well-rounded

student.

Magnolia Elementary

Magnolia Elementary School's male ACE award recipient for this school year is 6th Grader Syed Faheel Kamran. Faheel, as he is called, has been on the honor roll every quarter of this school year and he has a grade point average of 3.86. He is also a lieutenant in the school patrols and a contributing member of the Science Bowl team.

Magnolia's award recipient is well-liked by his peers and teachers, who find him always willing to extend a helping hand.

Magnolia's female recipient of the ACE award for this year is 6th Grader Kathlee Diaz, who is noted for reaching out to help others. Kathlee has been a chorus member for the past three years, participating in winter and spring concerts as well as in Hispanic and African American Heritage programs. She is also active this year as a member of the flag team.

Turning Point Academy

The male ACE award winner from Turning Point Academy is 8th Grader Keven Thomas. Keven is extremely polite and works diligently at his classwork, and makes friends wherever he goes. Keven has played football for the past three years, with a different team in a different league each year.

Keven is always looking for ways to assist the administration. He helps younger children in the cafeteria, aids teachers when and where he can and gives the administration his suggestions on how to handle problematic issues. He has a pleasant disposition and is very articulate in expressing his ideas and feelings.

The female ACE Award winner, 8th Grader Darlene Cruz, is an outstanding student who strives for A's on her school classwork. She is consistent with her assignments, volunteers for peer tutoring and has even taught lessons in the teacher's absence.

Darlene is respectful, modest and has great self-esteem. She maintains very high standards for herself and is well – respected by her peers. Darlene enjoys reading, singing, dancing and watching videos. She is also active in her church.

Greenbelt Middle

ACE was pleased to present the 2012 Greenbelt Middle School male Student Award to Mao Li who moved to Greenbelt from China in November 2011. At that time he spoke no English and knew no one at the school. Nevertheless, he was determined to learn English, make friends and achieve academic excellence.

Mao has achieved those goals, maintained good grades and made good friends in the process. He is an excellent, well-rounded student and is supportive of his peers. With his positive attitude, he has made the difference between merely getting tasks done and making them fun. He inspires those around him as well and demonstrates dedication to the task at hand and caring for others.

ACE was pleased to present the 2012 Greenbelt Middle School female Student Award to Assiatu Bantama. Assiatu is congenial and helpful to her peers and teachers. She is consistent, responsible and dependable. In addition, Assiatu has excelled in the classroom and is a role

model to her peers. She has been vigilant in watching for potentially dangerous situations and in reporting them to the teachers, school staff and to the building representatives, putting everyone on guard to prevent student conflict or disruption within the classroom.

Regardless of the task or assignment she takes each challenge as her own responsibility and follows through until the issue is resolved. Although Assiatu has contributed in many ways to the GMS community, it is the time she has dedicated to her studies and classmates that truly distinguishes her.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Through the nomination of the faculty and staff of ERHS, the Advisory Committee on Education was honored to announce this year's ACE male student award winner, Richard Yu. Richard has a 2.93 grade point average and was nominated by numerous staff members. His selection by the Senior Awards Committee was based upon his embodiment of positive school and community involvement.

Richard earned a Presidential Volunteer Service award for over 100 hours of community service. He served with the Washington Youth Foundation as a volunteer intern, working with children.

Outside academics, Richard was involved with Tae Kwon Do; served as Asian Student Association secretary and Dance Club treasurer; played trombone, tuba and percussion in the ERHS band and participated in Coffee House Pop's Variety.

Richard's project, titled "Testing Memory Without Vision," earned an Honorable Mention at the ERHS Science Fair. Richard plans to study accounting or finance at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

The Advisory Committee on Education announced this year's ACE female student award winner, Neomi Rao.

Neomi is a student in the Science and Technology Program with a cumulative grade point average of 4.227. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Japanese Honor Society and Thespian Honor Society. She has demonstrated extensive academic achievement while finding time for extracurricular activities and community service. Neomi volunteered at Capernaum Kids, a center for youth with disabilities. She also volunteered at Family Service Night at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and performed in the musical production

of "Honk!" for elementary school children.

During high school, Neomi was involved in drama productions at ERHS as an actress, a member of the backstage crew, a props mistress and as an assistant director. She also practiced and performed Kuchipudi, a classical Indian dance form.

Neomi has been a member, vice president and, currently, a co-president of Model United Nations. She was a member of the Mock Trial team. She plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park and to study biology and hopes to pursue a career in research.

State Delegate Award

As previously noted, State Delegate Anne Healey's Maryland State Delegate Award goes to Charlotte Francoeur from ERHS, a Greenbelt resident for 17 years. Charlotte is a diligent scholar in the school's rigorous Science and Technology Program as well as an athlete. She is well respected both by the faculty and by her peers.

Charlotte is a member of the National Honor Society, serving on its membership committee. She is the captain of the ERHS varsity lacrosse team, recognized as its Most Valuable Player on the team. She is also the captain of the ERHS varsity soccer team, First Team All-county.

Charlotte's grade point average is 4.26. She is an AP scholar with honors and won first place at the ERHS Science Fair in microbiology. She also won the second-place grand prize at the ERHS Science Fair and competed at the Regional Science Fair.

Charlotte has been active in her community, interning at Camp Pine Tree, participating in the Write-A-Book Awards Ceremony and assisting at the Research Practicum Symposium and graduation rehearsal, assisting at ERHS College Fair and at the Bonnie Johns Professional Library.

Charlotte plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park and major in biological sciences.

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1.75 Cent Tax Hike to City Proposed by M-NCPPC

by Thomas X. White

In the midst of its own budget deliberations, the Greenbelt City Council learned that the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is proposing to revise its tax levies in a way that will result in city tax payers paying a net 1.75 cent increased tax rate while 95 percent of county residents would see no change. In a brief outlining the issue to council, McLaughlin explained that the M-NCPPC is considering a proposal to increase its Recreation Tax levy by .75 cents and its Administrative/Planning by one cent. These taxes are paid for by city tax payers. In most of the county, these increases would be offset by a proposed 1.75 cent decrease in the M-NCPPC Park District tax levy. However, the City of Greenbelt is not within the boundaries of the M-NCPPC Park District and city property owners are not subject to that district's tax levy (the city maintains its own park system). The organization's staff calls this a "shift" in its tax rates to better balance the revenues supporting various operations of M-NCPPC.

In response to a May 2 letter from the city expressing concern with the shift proposal, William Henaghan, M-NCPPC division chief for administrative services, and Darin Conforti, budget director for M-NCPPC, discussed the rationale for the tax shift, as

well as possible approaches for reducing the impact on Greenbelt homeowners. Conforti explained to council that M-NCPPC seeks to address imbalances between the various funds since they had been identified in 2004, as well as the need for M-NCPPC to bring the funds in better balance.

The imbalance was also being distorted by lower property assessments the county has been experiencing since the economic downturn. He conceded that M-NCPPC should have done a better job in informing its affected municipal stakeholders.

During the discussion, a rough calculation of the average impact of the proposed tax shift on Greenbelt homeowners was estimated to be in the range of about \$34 on their annual tax bills. The estimated increased revenue from the city would come to about \$180,000. Although there did not seem to be any way to alter the tax shift, M-NCPPC representatives expressed willingness to discuss other approaches to address the impact on Greenbelt residents.

Range of Issues Confronted at Worksession

by James Giese

At the April 18 worksession on budgets for the Planning and Community Development Department, the Greenbelt City Council also discussed several issues unrelated to the budget.

Present at the meeting were all councilmembers, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Finance Director Jeff Williams.

Abandoned Equipment

Construction equipment has been abandoned at the Belle Point Office Park and apparently no one will take responsibility to remove it. The city obtained a judgment to have it removed and was paid \$5,000. Now it is trying to find someone to do the job.

Lake Dredging and Dam

The state has ordered the city to make alterations to the dam at Greenbelt Lake. They want the city to raise the dam's height, improve the spillway and take borings of the structure. Although the dam is earthen on the exterior, it was built with a solid concrete core.

The city has requested an ex-

tension of time for doing the work, which it hopes to do in conjunction with dredging of the lake, since both require lowering the lake's water level.

Financing of the work is a problem, however. McLaughlin said he hopes the city will be able to get a low-interest loan from the state.

Maps and Papers

Work has begun to copy some old historic maps and plans of the city for their preservation. Storage of maps and plans is a problem for the department because of space limitations. More paper files need to be converted to electronic files.

Wild Animal Nuisances

No longer can the city place traps to capture and relocate wild animals that are nuisances, such as raccoons or skunks. "It's their habitat," Craze said. She expressed a need to better educate residents on ways to eliminate attractions that bring the animals into resident yards. The "no trap" rule does not apply, however, to diseased or dangerous animals.

Resident William Orleans said he observed a goose being struck

by a car with the driver driving away. What could he do about something like that? Orleans asked.

Craze suggested he take down the car's license plate number. It is required that a person causing injury to an animal obtain care for it. The goose could be brought to animal control for aid if the facility is open, she said.

Dog Fighting

When asked if dog fighting was a problem, Craze said she believed there were people within the city who were involved in dog fighting but that dog fighting does not take place within the city.

2010 Census

On another issue, staff believes the recently released census population figures are too high for Greenbelt. This has occurred because the census counts some 800 more residential units within the city than actually exist.

Craze believes the city's population is still around 21,000. As to the average number of residents per dwelling unit, Craze notes that in some parts of the city the average is up; in others, down.

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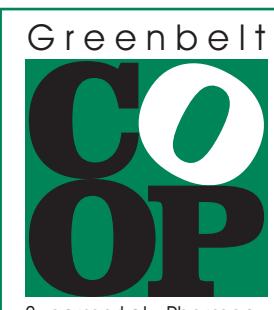
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Robbery

May 17, 1:43 a.m., 7900 block Good Luck Road. A person was assaulted by two men who displayed handguns and demanded money. They are described as black males, 20 to 30 years old, 6'0" tall with thin builds, wearing black jackets and masks.

Drug Arrest

May 15, 3:41 p.m., Cherrywood Lane at Breezewood Drive. Two Greenbelt men were arrested after a traffic stop and charged with possession and intent to distribute drugs in a school zone. An additional charge for the 49-year-old driver was possession of drugs - not marijuana, after a traffic stop. Additional charges against the 31-year-old passenger were possession of marijuana and possession of drugs -- not marijuana. Both men were transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI/DUI

May 12, 11:30 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A 30-year-old Brooklyn Park man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

During the past week three non-Greenbelt residents were arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after traffic stops on main roads passing through Greenbelt. They are a 26-year-old Silver Spring man and two Hyattsville men, one 52 years old and the other 33. All were released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

May 11, 2:24 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Electronics, jewelry and currency were taken.

May 11, 4:48 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Electronics were taken.

May 15, 10:26 a.m., 8100 block Bird Lane. Nothing was taken.

Vandalism

May 11, 10:34 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A window was broken.

May 11, 11:58 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

May 11, 4:20 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A sliding glass door was broken.

May 11, 9:02 p.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive. A window was broken.

May 12, 2:58 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A door frame was damaged.

May 13, 10:49 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A sliding glass door was broken.

Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen and found later by Prince George's County Police, with no arrests made. The cars are a 2002 Hyundai Sonata taken from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive and a 1992 Honda Accord taken from the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

A set of rims was taken from a car in the 100 block of Northway.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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or other wanted vehicles.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan demonstrated why the department has sought approval to buy Chevrolet Caprices rather than Impalas for the patrol officers. Clasping his hands behind his back, he asked an officer to show how he would put a handcuffed suspect into the back seat. Jordan noted that it would be even more difficult for officers if the suspect resisted.

Then it was back inside to discuss the budgets for the fire department, the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the police department.

Fire Department

Although the county government funds operations of the fire department, the city council established a fund to assist the volunteers with equipment purchases at the request of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS). Council must approve any expenditures from this fund.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin proposed maintaining the contributions at the same level as the current fiscal year: \$88,000 to GVFD&RS and \$5,000 to Berwyn Heights, which also provides service to Greenbelt.

GVFD&RS President Kenny Stair said that a projected 1,706 ambulance runs and 1,320 engine runs are about where they were the last several years. The organization has completed the renovations to the kitchen at a total cost of \$245,000, roughly 70 percent of which was funded by a state grant.

Stair said that the department must replace the 1999 fire engine, at an estimated cost of at least \$500,000. They also are likely to need to replace an ambulance and the chief's car. The ambulances are not holding up as well as expected, he said, with other jurisdictions "lucky" to get seven years' service from an ambulance, not the projected 10 years. The funds to replace these vehicles, he said, would be a combination of city funds and ambulance fees. Stair noted that the ambulance fees are not final although the county executive has approved them. Last year Greenbelt's department received \$109,000 from ambulance fees with the funds held by the county.

Stair reported that it costs \$80,000 to \$100,000 to operate the fire house and asked council to support the city manager's recommended funding. He also hoped that council could find \$5,000 to contribute to the West Lanham Hills Fire Department, which also serves Greenbelt. The city did contribute \$5,000 to West Lanham Hills in FY09, \$10,000 in FY11 (making up for no contribution in FY10) but did not contribute in the current fiscal year.

Emergency Response

Kenneth Silberman, coordinator of the Community Emergency Response Team, requested funds to refurbish their emergency supplies. The team has 18 members with 10 or 12 actively involved. McLaughlin's budget set aside \$3,000 for CERT. Since presenting their draft budget to him, McLaughlin noted, the team has further reviewed and reprioritized its needs.

Police

McLaughlin's proposed budget for FY13, which starts July 1, calls for a decrease from the current budget. Despite increasing staffing to certify speed camera tickets, total personnel expenses are budgeted at 4.5 percent less than FY12. This reduction is the result of retiring officers and being replaced by new lower paid-officers, officers entering the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System DROP Plan and a 13.2 percent drop in the pension system payment. The Deferred Retirement Option Plan lets officers retire but continue working, accruing pension benefits that they receive in a lump sum when they retire.

Operating expenses are budgeted to drop by 4.7 percent from the last budget. The major drivers of this reduction are \$76,500 drop in the cost of insurance; a \$16,700 drop in communications costs and a \$10,000 drop in red light camera expenses. The last drop reflects the temporary deactivation of two cameras adjacent to the Kenilworth Avenue Beltway bridge.

Red light camera fines are projected to generate \$195,000 this fiscal year (vs. \$275,000 budgeted) while costs are projected at \$184,400 (vs. \$21,400 budgeted). Drivers are learning where not to run red lights: in 2002, 9,434 citations were issued through the camera program. By 2006, the number had dropped to 3,516 and has been running between 3,269 and 4,072 ever since. The recently approved speed camera program is projected to result in \$500,000 in fines.

Budget Presentation

The review began with a brief presentation by Capt. Carl Schinner who noted that crime rates in general have decreased. Serious crimes "Part 1 crimes" including murder, rape, robbery, burglary, theft and auto theft decreased 27 percent with crimes against persons declining by almost 30 percent. Roughly 86 percent of crime in the city is property-related, with the crime rate at a five-year low. Auto theft is down 65 percent since 2007, a trend related to cars being harder to steal and the use of the license plate readers to identify stolen cars sooner. The clearance rate for cases is 12 percent, compared to 10 percent for all agencies in the county.

More than a quarter of the police force is eligible to retire with five more officers becoming eligible within the next three years. Together these 20 officers have 529 years of experience. Thus, recruitment was identified as a top challenge for the department. With so many different police forces in the metropolitan area, more competition exists for highly qualified applicants relative to other areas of the country. The department has identified as a crucial goal attracting qualified officers, remaining competitive in salary and benefits and keeping an up-to-date eligibility list to speed filling vacancies.

McLaughlin noted that in preparation for anticipated retirements, the city has already overhired with 56 officers, two over its authorized level.

Another upcoming challenge is the next round of collective

bargaining, which will begin this fall.

Council Review

Councilmember Konrad Herling noted the low case closure rate and asked why it was less than the statewide average. Police Chief James Craze noted that the city's rate is higher than the metropolitan area but lower than more rural areas. He noted that many people make a police report but then decline to prosecute or otherwise cooperate with police.

In response to another question from Herling, Lt. John Barrett said that all 54 officers took "survival Spanish" as part of their in-service program, with more language training planned.

Davis asked about the short staffing of the Patrol Commander's Squad, which was formed to fight violent crime and intervene in quality of life issues throughout the city. Schinner said that most of the officers were reassigned to patrol squads but that they hope to select a squad corporal soon.

Davis also asked about the use of vacant homes and apartments by criminals. Cpl. Tim White said that the police have worked with management to visit vacant apartments and clear them of unauthorized persons. They have made eight arrests in two sweeps. When Davis followed up with a question about foreclosed homes, Schinner said that if they get a complaint, they can do a perimeter sweep or if the house is unlocked they can enter. However, these sweeps are more hit-and-miss than the apartment searches. Things are not always as they seem, however; one report of people in a vacant house was actually former owners who had not yet been evicted.

Schinner said the city is working to increase the bike patrols. Franklin Park has also allowed police to use golf carts. With the carts, he noted, the officers are not tired from the exertion of biking and are also more protected in bad weather. When Jordan asked about the department's goal for how many hours bike patrols would operate, Craze said his initial goal was to get the patrols up and running.

Davis called the results of the commercial vehicle inspection "kind of scary." More than one-fifth of the vehicles failed inspections. Craze noted that drivers have requested inspection as they know they are driving an unsafe vehicle.

Jordan praised the department's diversity. Craze noted that they have hired two African American females, one of whom is currently at the academy. Barrett said that this is a nationwide issue with everyone having trouble recruiting minorities. Citizen Molly Lester noted that one of the officers paid her own way through the police academy and asked if the city will reimburse her. Craze said he would consider that after the officer had passed a probationary period.

Capt. Dan O'Neil noted that 75 percent of the force is white and 15 percent African American, 6 percent Asian and 4 percent Hispanic members. Males account for 92 percent of the force. He noted that the composition has changed significantly over the last four months.

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Cooperatives Are the Focus Of White House Meeting

by Marat Moore

On May 4, 150 cooperative leaders from across the country – including Greenbelter Leta Mach – met with senior policy makers in the White House to discuss how they could collaborate on job creation and investment in local communities.

The National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) had organized the Community Leaders Briefing on Cooperatives as part of the United Nations' International Year of Cooperatives, being celebrated throughout this year. NCBA supports the growth of a wide range of co-ops in many sectors of the economy.

"Co-ops need to tell their story. Some of the White House staff leaders didn't know much about cooperatives," said Mach, a member of the Greenbelt City Council and of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, a group that coordinates activities for the city's seven co-ops.

At the briefing, Mach represented Parent Cooperative Preschool International (PCPI), of which she is immediate past president. PCPI recently held its annual awards luncheon at the New Deal Café.

The most valuable outcome of the meeting, Mach said, was "the ongoing opportunity for networking and collaboration with policy makers." Cooperatives members urged the White House staff to include language on cooperatives whenever programs are discussed.

"This has not always been the case, particularly with the Small Business Administration," Mach said. "As a city councilmember, this is something I try to do when I'm looking at programs proposed by the state or other agencies."

She noted that case studies and examples presented could be helpful in meeting the needs of Greenbelt's residents.

Home Care Co-ops

"One example is the successful network of home care cooperatives that exist across the country," Mach said. Other ideas that emerged in discussions included more support for urban and suburban cooperatives similar to the strong support through the USDA of rural co-ops and a multi-site foreclosure co-op where foreclosed single family homes could be bought and turned into a co-op as a way to preserve affordable housing.

Currently 29,000 co-operative businesses operate in the United

MVA Is Closed For the Holiday

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will close its full-service, express offices and Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations on Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Patuxent Bird Walk Is Held Sunday

Search for birds in several Patuxent National Wildlife habitats on Sunday, May 27 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. This guided hike for all ages is at the North Tract, located east of Laurel on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

States – in agriculture, health-care, financial services and credit unions. They account for more than \$3 trillion in assets, over \$500 billion in total revenue and \$25 billion in wages and benefits.

Seven of these co-ops are in Greenbelt: the Greenbelt Nursery School; Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; Greenbelt News Review; Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; the Co-op grocery store; the New Deal Café; and Rapidan Camps. The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance is looking at the future of co-ops in Greenbelt.

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National Gallery Opens New Miro Exhibit

A new exhibition entitled Joan Miró: The Ladder of Escape is now open at the National Gallery of Art through August 12 in the East Building, Mezzanine. Celebrated as one of the greatest modern artists, Miró (1893 – 1983) developed a visual language that reflected his vision and energy in a variety of styles across many media. Through some 120 works of art, this exhibition reveals a politically engaged aspect of Miró's work, reflecting his passionate response to one of the most turbulent periods in European history, as well as his sense of Spanish – specifically Catalan – identity.

Tortoise and Hare Race



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Runners start the Greenbelt Nursery School annual Tortoise and Hare 5K race on Saturday, May 19. They run two laps around Greenbelt Lake.

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Traditional veneers are thicker porcelain and require some reduction on the face of your teeth. These veneers are still the treatment of choice when teeth are too crowded or when protruding teeth need to be brought back into the smile line. Many times a patient's unique situation is best served by a combination of thin and traditional veneers. Tooth structure may need to be modified only on selected teeth in your smile to get optimal results.

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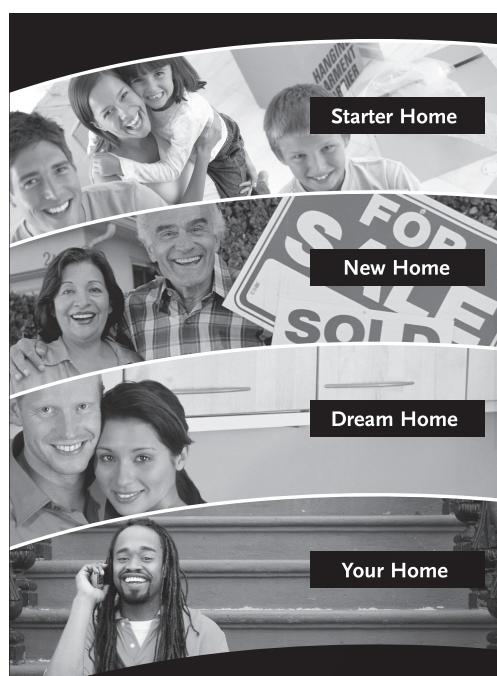
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Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Rose Unruh, 87, of Clarksburg, Md., who died May 14, 2012. She was a former president of Greenbelt Unit 136 of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble parish.

Congratulations to:

— Amanyel Neh Zama and Keicil Akwi Zama, who were named to the 2012 Spring Dean's Honor Roll at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

— Eleanor Roosevelt High School students Anna Flynn (computer science) and Patrick R. Healey (mechanical engineering), who are among 46 Maryland seniors receiving four-year annual National Merit Scholarships awarded to over 2,500 nationally among students taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, then further qualifying through essay-writing, extracurricular activities, awards and leadership competition. Flynn will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Healey the University of Maryland.

— Greenbelt Middle School 8th graders Scott Candey (bassoon), David Gardner (flute), Sam Goldstein (percussion) and Jan Knutson (trombone), who received the highest rating of "1" for their solos at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival at Towson last Saturday.

— Laurie Lemieux, a co-owner of Proteus Bicycles of North College Park, sponsor of "The 1%," a comic entry floating car that was named this year's Grand Mediocre East Coast Champion in the 2012 Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race.

— Erin Donn, who has completed her semester at University College Cork in Ireland. She was recently joined by her mother Cindy Donn and sister Lisa, as well as grandmother Barbara

Osborne and aunts Bridget and Beth, for a sight-seeing trip to many places in the area including the Blarney Stone. Erin, a sophomore at the University of Maryland, returns home soon to resume her studies in early childhood education but not before visiting Rome and London with her sister Lisa.

— all the ACE Student Award winners: Ambe McKinney and Beatriz Jose at Greenbelt Elementary School, Tobias Tinsley and Ashley Cooper at Springhill Lake Elementary, Syed Faheel Kamran and Kathlee Diaz at Magnolia, Keven Thomas and Daarlene Cruz at Turning Point Academy, Mao Li and Assiatu Bantama at Greenbelt Middle School; and Richard Yu and Neomi Rao for Eleanor Roosevelt High School (whose awards included a \$2,000 scholarship), as well as Charlotte Francoeur, who received the \$500 Maryland State Delegate Award.

Happy 80th birthday to former Greenbelter and civic activist Irene Hensel, now of Sunrise in Silver Spring. The milestone occurs on Greenbelt Day, June 1.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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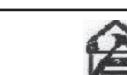
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GHI Annual Meeting & Elections; No Smoking Petition Smolders

by Sue Krofchik

Once again the month of May – this year on the 17th – brought the annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), to the Community Center gym. About 140 persons living in the 1,600-unit cooperative attended. Acting President Bill Jones chaired the meeting in the excused absence of President Tokey Boswell.

New business consisted of two bylaw amendments and a petition to ban smoking in certain homes. The nonsmoking issue was referred to the board to develop a proposal for members to consider at a later time.

Candidates for elected office addressed the members present. Voting by secret ballot began upon recess of the annual meeting and concluded on May 18. The number of households for which votes had been cast totaled 204.

Seven people ran this year for five seats on the board of directors. Elected for two-year terms are incumbents Ed James (141 votes) and Diana McFadden (134). New to the board is Frank DeBenedictis (146) and returning after an absence is Sue Ready (158). Elected for a one-year term is David Morse (131).

The number of board seats up for election each year alternates between five and four, with terms of two years. Morse's two-year term ended with this election. Due to the resignation of a board member serving a two-year term, there has been a vacancy for the one-year remainder of that term, which Morse will now fill.

The newly elected board joins the existing board comprised of Tokey Boswell, Chuck Hess, Bill Jones and Patricia Novinski.

Officers for the newly elected 2012-2013 board will be nominated and voted upon by the full nine-member board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on May 24.

Elected to the three-member Audit Committee are Dianne Wilkerson (187) and Debbie Coolley (184), both incumbents, and Ben Fischler (171). Committee members serve one-year terms.

The Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee members, on a predetermined slate of candidates, are elected during the annual meeting by a hand-vote counted by tellers. They serve one year, beginning their term after results of the current election have been certified.

The new N&E Committee consists of Paula Clindestinst, Carol Griffith, Henry Haslinger, Mara Hemminger and Sylvia Lewis.

No Smoking

A petition signed by 52 members, properly submitted and processed in accordance with bylaws, was on the agenda. It directed the board to "develop and implement a policy that would allow members of an entire row of units to revise their mutual ownership contracts (MOCs) to indicate smoking inside these units is not allowed".

Following a 15-minute discussion and comments by 10 people, one amendment passed, as did one amendment to the first amendment. The main motion then passed overwhelmingly by a show of hands.

Except for one speaker, comments pertained to the language of the motion or what-ifs, not to



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Members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. vote at their annual meeting on May 17.

individual positions on the issue of smoking. Only one person, Kevin Parker of 3 Court Ridge, stated his position. He "favors the sentiment" of the motion, he said, and a poll he had conducted of his neighbors indicated they too would support it.

The newly passed motion directs the board to "develop a proposal for consideration by membership that would allow members of an entire row of units, who unanimously agree, to revise their MOCs to indicate smoking inside these units is not allowed." Once the board completes this directive, this matter will be brought back to members at either next May's annual meeting or a special membership meeting called by the board.

The issue of nonsmoking first came to the board on March 3 when members of 13A-H Ridge Road asked to be allowed to change their MOCs to forbid smoking in their units. At that time they were told pending litigation over second-hand smoke prevented the board from making any

changes to MOCs. An appeal to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals by member David Schuman, Schuman v. GHI, was decided in favor of GHI on November 10, 2011 in a Prince George's County Circuit Court bench trial. (See the story on the verdict in the March 10 News Review.)

At the annual meeting General Manager Eldon Ralph reported that counsel has since determined discussion of the nonsmoking petition will not affect the aforementioned pending litigation.

Bylaw Changes

Members voted overwhelmingly to change language in Article III, Section 1 – Membership. The change consists of adding "(s)" in four places where the word "person" appears. Those places refer to memberships held in the name of revocable living trusts instead of in the names of person(s).

The second proposed change, to Article VIII, Section 11c, failed. It required contracts of more than two years to be approved at a membership meeting by a two-thirds vote.

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Greenbelt Council Reviews Miscellaneous Budgets

by James Giese

On May 2 the Greenbelt City Council met in worksession to review a group of budgets in the back of the book grouped together under the subheading of Miscellaneous. The miscellaneous budgets total \$205,800, an amount that may seem a lot to the typical Greenbelt resident but constitute less than 1 percent of the total expenditures proposed for fiscal year 2013 by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. The miscellaneous budgets are: Grants and Contributions (to other organizations – Washington Ear, a radio reader service for the blind and College Park Meals on Wheels), \$2,000, down \$500 from the current fiscal year; Greenbelt Connection (the city's dial-a-ride bus service), \$111,300, down \$200 from current year; and the Greenbelt Museum, \$92,500, down \$5,900.

Since the Greenbelt Connection is reviewed along with Public Works budgets (the service is run by that department), most of the council's review time was spent with Megan Searing Young, the museum curator and director of historical programs. In turn, much of that discussion dealt with activities and plans for the city's 75th Anniversary celebration.

Of special note are plans for a retro town fair as a part of the Labor Day Festival. This will bring back some of the activities of the community's original Labor Day events which resembled a county fair where residents' baked

goods, canned goods, etc. were judged and awarded blue ribbons. Also of note is a planned talk to be given by James Roosevelt, Jr., grandson of the president, in September. A timeline exhibit of the 75 year history of the city is to be installed at the Community Center. Residents will be asked to add their personal information.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) provides key support to the operation of the museum, providing volunteer docents to lead tours when the building is open and raising supplemental funds and assisting with programming. FOGM also funds a part-time person to coordinate docent activities and training and schedule special tours. Its budget for the coming year is \$28,000.

Grants and Contributions

The proposed budget provides \$1,000 contributions for Washington Ear and the College Park Meals on Wheels. Washington Ear brings the printed word to the visually impaired as a free service. This includes providing pre-tuned radios to enable listeners to hear selected newspapers and magazines, the Yellow Pages and grocery sales ads read. The Ear currently serves 12 residents. The News Review is available by Dial-in Service.

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